

## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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## PCT

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND  
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing  
(day/month/year) 12 July 2004 (12.07.2004)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

LIT-PO16WO

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.

PCT/SG 2002/000179

International filing date (day/month/year)

7 August 2002 (07.08.2002)

Applicant

LABORATORIES FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and is transmitted herewith.  
Filing of amendments and statements under Article 19:  
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):  
When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.  
Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes  
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35  
For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.
2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) initial fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:  
☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices  
☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.
4. **Reminder:**  
Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.  
The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.  
Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.  
In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide* Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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See notes on accompanying sheet

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## NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under Article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article," "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

## INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

**What parts of the international application may be amended ?**

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

**When ?** Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

**Where not to file the amendments ?**

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

**How ?** Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

**What documents must/may accompany the amendments ?**

**Letter (Section 205(b)):**

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

## NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:  
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:  
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:  
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or  
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:  
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under Article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4).

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

#### Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments and any accompanying statement, under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the time of filing the amendments (and any statement) with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments (and of any statement) and, where required, a translation of such amendments for the procedure before that Authority (see Rules 55.3(a) and 62.2, first sentence). For further information, see the Notes to the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401).

#### Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>LIT-PO16WO</b>	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/SG 2002/000179</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>7 August 2002 (07.08.2002)</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)
Applicant <b>LABORATORIES FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report
  - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
    - ☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
  - b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:
    - ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
    - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
    - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
    - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
    - ☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
    - ☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4. With regard to the title,
  - ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
  - ☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
  - ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
  - ☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.: 4
  - ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
  - ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
  - ☒ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
  - ☐ None of the figures.

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International application No.  
PCT/SG 2002/000179

## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A system and a method for generating a plurality of noise-deteriorated images from an image displayable on a computer display for deterring unauthorised reuse of the image (410) is disclosed. the system relates to transforming an image displayable on a computer display into a plurality of frequency components (440), and generating a noise sequence (420) for each frequency component in the plurality of frequency components, each noise sequence having a plurality of noise numbers (430). The system also relates to selecting, in relation to a first noise-deteriorated image, a first noise number from each noise sequence, and deteriorating each frequency component in the plurality of frequency components using the first noise number from each noise sequence corresponding to each frequency component in the plurality of frequency components to form a noise-deteriorated frequency component in a first plurality of noise-deteriorated frequency components (450). The system further relates to transforming the first plurality of noise-deteriorated frequency components into the first noise-deteriorated image (460) for displaying on the computer display.

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## CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC<sup>7</sup>: G06T7/20

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC<sup>7</sup>: G06T, H04N, G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPODOC, WPI, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5905505 A (LESK, M.E. et al) 18 May 1999 (18.05.1999) <i>abstract.</i>	1-11
A	US 6209103 B1 (SCHREIBER, D. et al) 27 March 2001 (27.03.2001) <i>abstract, claims 1-9.</i>	1-11
A	US 5881187 A (MAST, M.B.) 9 March 1999 (09.03.1999) <i>abstract, fig. 6.</i>	1-11
A	US 6208735 B1 (COX, I.J. et al) 27 March 2001 (27.03.2001) <i>abstract, fig. 2, claims 1-10.</i>	1-11

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

## \* Special categories of cited documents:

- „A“ document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- „E“ earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
- „L“ document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- „O“ document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- „P“ document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- „T“ later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- „X“ document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- „Y“ document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report			Publication date	Patent family member(s)			Publication date
US	A	5881187	1999-03-09	CA	A	2225342	1998-02-07
				AU	B	729855	2001-02-08
				JP	T	2000502469T	2000-02-29
				EP	A	0864115	1998-09-16
				AU	A	4048797	1998-02-25
US	A	5905505	1999-05-18	none			
US	B	6206735	2001-03-27	US	A	5930369	1999-07-27
US	B	6209103	2001-03-27	AU	A	4287499	2000-01-05
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